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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

CORINNE DEGERT et al

Group Art Unit: 1615

Serial No.: 09/554,602

Examiner: G. Kishore

Filed: July 14, 2000

For: IMPROVED METHOD FOR AVOIDING THE

DEGRADATION OF AN ACTIVE PRINCIPLE

## PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136

Honorable Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Petition is herein made under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 for an extension of time for two months for response to the Office action of May 14, 2003.

The appropriate fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17 is paid herewith by credit card (Form PTO-2038). Any fees not accepted by the credit card amount shown on the Form PTO-2038 may be charged to Deposit Account 04-0753.

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